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SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015 APPROVED July 27, 2015

Chairman Jim O'Brien called the meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2015, in the large meeting room in the Town Hall. Chairman O'Brien introduced the members of the Board and Sue Strickford led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Jim O'Brien, Ken Traum, Sara Persechino, Sue B. Strickford, and Steve Lux, Jr.

Staff Present: Neal Cass, Town Administrator, and Robin Buchanan Administrative Assessing Assistant

Public Present: Ken Wilkens, Dan Blanchette and family, Frank Davis, Jeff & Susan Dearborn, Linda Bell, Fire Chief Doug Mumford and Frank Davis

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

Consent Agenda

The Board members reviewed documents for signature and approved unanimously (5-0) the Consent Agenda taking the following action on motion made by Mrs. Persechino and seconded by Mrs. Strickford.

CONSENT AGENDA	07-13-15	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST		\$87,070.69
PAYROLL MANIFEST		\$73,039.13
Transfer of Funds		
250th Sestercentennial		\$11,942.68
Human Services Donations		\$600.00
APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT FROM CAPITAL RESERVE		
Police Vehicle/Equip Capital Reserve to General Fund		\$8,806.05

Town Hall Renovations Capital Reserve to General Fund	\$4,000.00
Town Facilities Trust Fund to General Fund	\$8,050.00

PAF

Buildings & Grounds new hire-part time
Public Works: Change in Employee Status

INTENT TO CUT

Map 237 Lot 8 South Rd

Thank You Letters

Contoocook Covered Bridge Restaurant-Kimball Cabins
Hopkinton's Lions Club-Kimball Cabins
Colleen & Shaun Murphy-Kimball Cabins
Spevies Garage LLC-Kimball Cabins
Richard & Diane Crichton-Kimball Cabins
Appletree Animal Hospital-Kimball Cabins

2016 Tax Map Maintenance Proposal	\$3,575.00
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BUILDING PERMITS

David Levine 545 Brockway Rd Map 266 Lot 27 2 Car Garage
Richard & Mary White 1075 Hopkinton Rd Map 258 Lot 62 Demo
Hopkinton Historical Society Temporary Sign

Veteran's Credit

French, Kevin Map 223 Lot 10
Cushing, Mildred Map 239 Lot 51
Corson ,Johnny Map 266 Lot 9

ABATEMENT

Bowie, Ed Map 208-3-D26 Trailer sold

Yield Tax

Meadowsend Timber	\$1,051.29
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RENEWAL OF PILOT

NFI North

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes of June 29, 2015. Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Persechino, to approve the Minutes of the Public Select Board Meeting held on Monday, June 29, 2015. There being no discussion, Chairman O'Brien called for the vote.

VOTE: Traum, Persechino, Strickford and Lux voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; O'Brien abstaining. MOTION APPROVED 4-0-1.

The Board reviewed the non-public meeting minutes of June 29, 2015, Session I & II. Mrs. Strickford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Persechino, to approve the Minutes of the Non-Public Select Board Meeting, held on Monday, June 29, 2015, Session I & II. There being no discussion, Chairman O'Brien called for the vote.

VOTE: Traum, Persechino, Strickford and Lux voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; O'Brien abstaining; MOTION APPROVED 4-0-1.

The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes of July 6, 2015. Mr. Lux made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Persechino, to approve the Minutes of the Public Select Board Meeting held on Monday, July 6, 2015. There being no discussion, Chairman O'Brien called for the vote.

VOTE: O'Brien, Traum, Persechino, Strickford and Lux voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

The Board reviewed the non-public meeting minutes of July 6, 2015, Session I & II. Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Persechino, to approve the Minutes of the Non-Public Select Board Meeting, held on Monday, July 6, 2015, Session I & II. There being no discussion, Chairman O'Brien called for the vote.

VOTE: O'Brien, Traum, Persechino, Strickford and Lux voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

The Board reviewed the non-public meeting minutes of July 6, 2015, Session III. Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Persechino, to approve the Minutes of the Non-Public Select Board Meeting, held on Monday, July 6, 2015, Session III. There being no discussion, Chairman O'Brien called for the vote.

VOTE: O'Brien, Traum, Persechino, Strickford voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; Lux abstaining; MOTION APPROVED 4-0-1.

IV. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Dan Blanchette, Director of Public Works: Chairman O'Brien congratulated Mr. Blanchette on his position as Director of Public Works. A discussion ensued with regards to the paving bids. Mr. Blanchette indicated his preference for a paving company would be Pike.

Mr. Lux made a motion to accept the bid from Pike Industries in the amount of \$151,510.00.
Mr. Traum seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Traum, Persechino, Strickford and Lux voting in favor of the motion;
no votes against; MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

VIII. OTHER

Steve Lux, Jr. inquired if something can be done at the intersection where Routes 202 & 9 intersects with Route 127. Mr. Cass stated it is with Central New Hampshire Regional Planning now.

Mrs. Persechino asked when the Trash Contract is due. Mr. Cass responded it is due by the end of the year.

Chairman O'Brien gave the Board an update on the Flood Control money. He stated that there has been a discussion among House members to have NH go to MA and discuss a settlement.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Review of June Financials: No major changes, motor vehicle registration is up slightly. Mr. Traum inquired if the six month extension to run the government will have any effect on the rooms and meals tax, and flood control.

IV. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Public Hearing for Discretionary Preservation Easements (Barn): At 6:00 p.m., Chairman O'Brien opened the Public Hearing by reading the notice that was published in the paper and explaining the process. Discussion ensued, with regards to the barn owned by Jeff and Susan Dearborn, located on Hopkinton Road. Mr. Dearborn gave the Board Members input regarding the age, and history. Mr. Dearborn stated this is a good program, and encourages owners of older barns to continue to care for them. The second barn the Board rated was a barn owned by Gary and Linda Bell, located on Old Henniker Rd. Mrs. Bell stated the farm was a dairy farm and at one time the barn was used as a puppet theater. The barn is also located on the Scenic By-Way. The Board rated the barns for the following criteria: Scenic quality of the structure, public access/participation in enjoyment, historical importance and condition of the structure. With no further public comment, Chairman O'Brien closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. The Board is using a new process to rate the barns and therefore, will be visiting all the renewals within the next 3 meetings, so that they can rate them according to the new process.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Review of Fund Raising Policy and Scheduling of Public Input: Mr. Cass stated that some wording was changed; however, it does not change the function of the policy. Chairman O'Brien asked that the public input be scheduled for the next meeting.

VI. PUBLIC FORUM:

No public comment.

VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Mr. Cass stated the EOC Grant has been approved.

Mr. Cass also stated he has reached out to the members of CIP to set up their first meeting.

Mr. Cass stated we have been scheduled for a Labor Audit at the end of the month.

Mr. Cass informed the Board that the 2014 Financial Audit has been received.

Mrs. Persechino inquired about progress on the Rowell Bridge. Mr. Cass stated we have spoken with a contractor and are currently in touch with the adjuster.

Mrs. Persechino inquired about the Skate Park. Mr. Cass stated the heat has helped to expand the materials and the cracks are smaller.

Mrs. Persechino stated that it was nice to see the crosswalks had been painted.

Mr. Traum stated he owns property at North Shore Drive and the residents in the area have asked for a trash can to be put at the State boat launch. Discussion ensued, with regards to the pros and cons of having and not having a trash can. Mr. Cass stated it is carry in and carry out.

Mrs. Strickford made a motion to have the Conservation Commission post a sign stating Carry In, Carry Out and have no trash can. Mr. Lux seconded.

Mrs. Persechino amended the motion by stating the sign should be clear and the message should be positive in nature.

VOTE: O'Brien, Persechino, Strickford and Lux voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; Traum abstaining; **MOTION APPROVED 4-0-1.**

Chairman O'Brien stated that Mr. Lux is doing the sound for the performances of Our Town on July 17, 18 and 19th. He stated the Historical Society has only budgeted \$500.00 for this expense and he was inquiring if the Board would like to take money out of the Sesterscentennial fund to pay more than \$500.00. Mrs. Persechino and Mr. Traum stated they do not want to use town money. Chairman O'Brien stated he will speak with Louise Carr, Chair of the Sestercentennial Committee.

Mr. Lux left the meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION IV-RSA 91-A: 3 IV (a) Personnel

Mrs. Persechino moved to go into a non-public session regarding a personnel issue under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Mr. Traum seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members Traum, Persechino, Strickford, and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4-0).

The Board, Fire Chief and the Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 7:30 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 9:04 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Mrs. Persechino moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session indefinitely. Mrs. Strickford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members Traum, Persechino, Strickford, and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4-0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Mrs. Persechino, seconded by Mrs. Strickford to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant